

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-13 and add Claims 14-18, as follows. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, said toner supply container comprising:  
a container body configured to contain toner, said container body having a main body,  
provided with an opening for permitting discharge of the toner; and , for accommodating the  
toner;  
a sealing member configured and positioned to seal for unsealably sealing the opening,  
opening;  
said sealing member having a welded portion which is welded to said container body and  
a tearing portion which is torn upon unsealing of the opening,  
wherein said welded portion has an inclined portion which is provided adjacent an end  
portion at which tearing starts and which is disposed laterally outside of a tearing line, said  
inclined portion being inclined inwardly with respect to a tearing direction the opening is  
unsealed by tearing a part of said sealing member, wherein a pattern of welding with which said  
sealing member is welded on the main body of the container is inclined inwardly with respect to  
a tearing direction at a laterally outward end portion at a tearing starting side end portion.

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2. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the welding pattern is~~ said inclined portion is rectilinearly inclined.

3. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said inclined portion is inclined with a curvature ~~welding pattern is inclined with curvature.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said welded portion is provided in the region where the tearing starts with a concave portion which is concave toward a downstream direction with respect to the tearing direction ~~the welding pattern is concave downstream with respect to the tearing direction, at a portion where the tearing starts in a welded portion.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing member has an extension which extends from a tearing starting side of said welded portion and which is folded back and extends to an end provided with a pulling portion ~~a seal portion welded to the main body of said container, and a sealing member pulling portion extended and folded back therefrom.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said tearing portion is formed by laser illumination ~~sealing member is provided with a tearing guide portion provided by laser irradiation.~~

7. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing member includes a cover film welded to said container body so as to seal the opening, and a tear tape configured and positioned to tear the cover film, wherein the tearing portion is defined by the tear tape ~~has a cover film sealing the opening and a tear tape for tearing the cover~~ film.

8. (Currently Amended) A process cartridge detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, said process cartridge comprising:

a developing container which is effective to develop a latent image on a photosensitive member with toner; ~~portion; having a photosensitive member, for developing a latent image on the photosensitive member;~~

a toner container configured to accommodate the toner; and ~~accommodating portion for accommodating toner to said developing portion, said toner accommodating portion being provided with an opening for permitting discharging of the toner;~~

a sealing member configured and positioned to seal ~~for unsealably sealing~~ the opening, said sealing member having a welded portion which is welded to said toner container and a tearing portion which is torn upon unsealing of the opening ~~wherein said sealing member has a seal portion welded to the main body of said container, and a sealing member pulling portion extended and folded back therefrom,~~

wherein said welded portion has an inclined portion which is provided adjacent an end portion at which tearing starts and which is disposed laterally outside of a tearing line, said inclined portion being inclined inwardly with respect to a tearing direction ~~the opening is unsealed by tearing a part of said scaling member,~~

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wherein ~~a pattern of welding with which said scaling member is welded on the main body of the container is inclined inwardly with respect to a tearing direction at a laterally outward end portion at a tearing starting side end portion.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said inclined portion is rectilinearly inclined ~~the welding pattern is inclined rectilinearly.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said inclined portion ~~welding pattern~~ is inclined with a curvature.

11. (Currently Amended) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said welded portion is provided in the region where the tearing starts with a concave portion which is concave toward the downstream direction with respect to the tearing direction ~~the welding pattern is concave downstream with respect to the tearing direction, at portion where the tearing starts in a welded portion.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said tearing portion is formed by laser illumination ~~sealing member is provided with a tearing guide portion provided by laser irradiation.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said sealing member includes a cover film welded to said toner container so as to seal the opening, and a tear tape configured and positioned to tear the cover film, wherein the tearing portion is defined by the tear tape ~~has a cover film sealing the opening and a tear tape for tearing the cover film.~~

14. (Newly Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said tearing portion is provided at each of lateral sides of the opening.

15. (Newly Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 7, wherein said tearing portion is provided at each of lateral sides of the opening.

16. (Newly Presented) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said tearing portion is provided at each of lateral sides of the opening.

17. (Newly Presented) A process cartridge according to Claim 13, wherein said tearing portion is provided at each of lateral sides of the opening.

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and* 18. (Newly Presented) A process cartridge according to Claim 8, wherein said sealing member has an extension which extends from a tearing starting side of said welded portion and which is folded back and extends to an end provided with a pulling portion.

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